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SUBJ: DETENTION OF LOCKHEED LODESTAR N60 C

REF : LA PAZ 1627, 1697

1. ACCORDING FAA RECORDS LOCKHEED LODESTAR, MODEL 18-56, SER. NO. 2537, U. S. REGISTRATION N60 C LAST REGISTERED IN NAME OF T. J. FALGOUT, JR., 1110 HOUSTON BANK AND TRUST BUILDING, HOUSTON, TEXAS. HOWEVER, U. S. REGISTRATION REVOKED MARCH 8, 1972, DUE FAILURE OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER TO SUBMIT AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY, IDENTIFICATION, AND ACTIVITY REPORT TO FAA AIRCRAFT REGISTRY WHICH IS REQUIRED ANNUALLY UNDER FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATION 47.44 (SEE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 14, PART 47.44). FALGOUT INFOR MED OF CANCELLATION BY REGISTERED MAIL.

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2. ACCORDING FALGOUT'S ATTORNEY, LOPEZ ACQUIRED TITLE TO AIRCRAFT BY PURCHASING CONTROLLING INTEREST IN S. F. AIRCO, A CORPORATION FORMED IN JANUARY, 1971, FOR PURPOSE OF OPERATING AIRCRAFT, WITH ADDRESS OF 1101 TREMONT ST., GALVESTON, TEXAS.

3. NOT CLEAR WHO IS OWNER OF AIRCRAFT. DEPT ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT S. F. AIRCO TO ASCERTAIN IF THEY OR ANY OF MEETING, GVN SPOKESMAN DAN MADE POINT THAT SINCE MVA PRESENCE IN SOUTH IS "ASSERTED" IN ARTICLE 13 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND SINCE THIS ARTICLE IS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 4 OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH DEALS WITH THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION, THE NVA PRESENCE IS ADMITTED TO BE AN OBSTACLE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RIGHT. PRG REFUSAL TO COUNTENANCE THIS SUBJECT IN AGENDA IS THEREFORE A VIOLATION OF THE AGREEMENT AND OF RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION. ACCORDING TO VP, PRG SPOKESMAN SAU, HECKLED BY NEWSMEN ON SUBJECT, FINALLY ADMITTED THAT NVA PRESENCE IN SOUTH MUST EVENTUALLY BE DISCUSSED BUT THAT PRG WOULD ONLY DO SO AFTER ALL OTHER ISSUES WERE SOLVED.

PART V: GVN CHARGES 8,833 COMMUNIST CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

THROUGH THE FIRST 59 DAYS OF THE CEASEFIRE (0600 MARCH 28), THE GVN CHARGES THE COMMUNISTS WITH 8,833 CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS. DURING THIS PERIOD, THE GVN CLAIMS ITS FORCES HAVE KILLED 15,149 COMMUNIST SOLDIERS AND CAPTURED 209, WHILE SUFFERING LOSSES OF 3,126 KILLED, 15,367 WOUNDED AND 822 MISSING. THE GVN ALSO CHARGES THE COMMUNISTS WITH HAVING SLAIN 453 CIVILIANS, WOUNDED 1,337 AND ABDUCTED 858, SINCE THE CEASEFIRE BEGAN.

PART VI: MR -1

1. ACTIVITY REMAINED LIGHT THROUGHOUT MR I WITH ONLY 18 INCIDENTS REPORTED, 17 OF THEM ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF); NO GROUND ATTACKS WERE REPORTED. 1ST DIVISION RECEIVED 5 OF THE ABFS; THE REMAINDER WERE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE REGION. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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8 KIA, 1 MIA, 40 WIA (THE BULK OF THE CASUALTIES WERE FROM MINES);

ENEMY 7 KIA, 1 CAPTURED. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY EXPENDED 1,382 ROUNDS; 393 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS, 989 SOUTH.

2. IN DANANG, A LABOR PROJECT FOR QUANG TRI REFUGEES IS FINALLY UNDERWAY THROUGH THE AUSPICES OF THE AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE DANANG AREA (ADDA) , WHICH IS ITSELF A PILOT PROJECT OPERATING UNDER A GVN INTER- MINISTERIAL COUNCIL WITH A 1973 BUDGET OF ONE BILLION PIASTERS FOR LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECTS TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT. AS OF YESTERDAY, ABOUT 1,000 REFUGEES WERE EMPLOYED AT 400 PEASTERS PER DAY CLEARING AND LEVELING AREAS ALONG SEVERAL MAJOR THOROUGHFARES FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION. SANITATION PROJECTS IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS PAYING 300 PIASTERS PER DAY ARE NOT YET OPERATING SMOOTHLY.

3. DURING THE PAST WEEK SENIOR PROVINCE OFFICIALS IN QUANG NGAI HAVE EXPRESSED INCREASING CONCERN OVER INDICATIONS THAT POST CEASEFIRE CONDITIONS ARE ADVERSELY AFFECTING THE MORALE OF TERRITORIAL FORCE TROOPS. FACTORS MAKING RF UNITS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO MORALE PROBLEMS INCLUDE FACT THEY HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR OCCUPYING STATIC DEFENSE POSITIONS ALONG STRATEGIC LOC' S, NOTABLY QL-1, WHICH IS AT BEST A TEDIOUS TASK. AT THE SAME TIME, WITH THE DEPARTURE OF ALLIED TROOPS, RF UNITS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE EQUALLY UNREWARDING TASK OF DEFENDING THE FORWARD OUTPOSTS WHICH SERVE AS BLOCKING POSITIONS ALONG TRADITIONAL ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES. THESE OUTPOSTS, SUCH AS NUI TRON IN WESTERN SON TINH AND NUI ONG DO IN EASTERN MO DUC, ARE LOCATED IN AREAS TRADITIONALLY HOSTILE TOWARD THE GVN, WHERE THE RFS REPRESENTS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT PRESENCE, AND WHERE THE NLF CONTINUES TO EXERCISE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE PEOPLE.

4. ADDITIONALLY, MOST OF THE INCIDENTS REPORTED SINCE THE CEASEFIRE HAVE BEEN SMALL SCALE HARRASSING ATTACKS DIRECTED AGAINST ISOLATED RF OUTPOSTS, WHICH HAVE RESULTED IN A CORRESPONDINGLY HIGH CASUALTY RATE AMONG RF TROOPS. RF UNITS CONDUCTING PATROLS AND OPERATIONS IN HOSTILE AREAS HAVE ALSO SUFFERED A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CASUALTIES FROM ENEMY MINES. FINALLY, IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT MUCH OF THE NLF' S POST- CEASEFIRE PROPAGANDA EFFORT HAS BEEN DIRECTED AT GVN TERRITORIAL FORCES, THE NLF' S OTHER PRIMARY TARGET AUDIENCE
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BEING THE LARGE REFUGEE POPULATION. THE CONCLUSION, THEREFORE, MAY BE DRAWN THAT THE NLF WHILE ATTEMPTING TO DRAW PEOPLE BACK INTO THE AREAS UNDER ITS CONTROL, IS ALSO HOPING TO ELIMINATE THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF GVN PRESENCE IN THOSE AREAS BY BRINGING BOTH MILITARY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE AGAINST RF UNITS.

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